

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Physician Assistants hereby amends Chapter 328, "Continuing Education for Physician Assistants," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments clarify renewal application requirements regarding Category I and Category II continuing education credit.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the February 9, 2011, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 9360B**.

A public hearing was held on March 1, 2011, from 2 to 2:30 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Conference Room, Lucas State Office Building. Public comments were received that indicated that the rule making needed additional clarification to state that "current certification" meant current at the time of the audit and that current certification was for both Category I and Category II continuing education credit. In response, the Board revised Item 1 and added the phrase "for the time period being reviewed or audited" to new Item 2 to further clarify the term "current certification" and to clarify that the issue of current certification applies to both Category I and Category II continuing education credit.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 21, 147, 148C and 272C.

These amendments will become effective June 22, 2011.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend paragraph **328.3(2)"b"** as follows:

b. For the remaining 50 hours of required continuing medical education (CME), Category I or Category II ~~(elective)~~ credit, as accepted by the National Commission on Certification for Physician Assistants (NCCPA), shall satisfy the CME requirements. In case of audit, licensees shall provide evidence of NCCPA certification during the time period being audited or an activity log for all Category II credits for which a certificate of completion is not available. The activity log shall list for each activity the date and type of activity and number of hours claimed per activity.

ITEM 2. Amend paragraph **328.3(2)"c"** as follows:

c. Licensees who maintain certification by the National Commission on Certification for Physician Assistants (NCCPA) may show proof of meeting the board's CME requirements by providing proof of current certification by the NCCPA for the time period being reviewed or audited.

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